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SUBJECT: HEYERDAHL VESSEL REPORTEDLY APPROACHING SOUTH
YEMEN WITH US CITIZENS

1. A BBC SOURCE INFORMED US AFTERNOON OF MARCH 14 THAT THE VESSEL OF THE THOR HEYERDAHL ANTHROPOLOGICAL EXPLORATION EXPEDITION IS APPROACHING SOCOTRA ISLAND IN SOUTH YEMEN; THAT THE EXPEDITION INCLUDES TWO AMERICANS; AND THAT WHEN THE VESSEL LANDS ON SOCOTRA, EXPECTED IN ABOUT TWO DAYS, THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION WILL BE ARRESTED BY THE SOUTH YEMENI AUTHORITIES.

2. EMBOFF PHONED BEAUMONT, FCO DESK OFFICER FOR THE YEMENS, TO SEEK CONFIRMATION. BEAUMONT HAD THE SAME STORY, AND CONFIRMED THAT HE ALSO EXPECTED THE MEMBERS TO BE ARRESTED. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE CREW INCLUDES ONE RUSSIAN, AND SAID HE ASSUMED THE LATTER WOULD HELP PERSUADE THE SOUTH YEMENIS THAT THE EXPEDITION IS HARMLESS SO THAT THE EXPEDITION WOULD BE RELEASED.

3. BEAUMONT UNDERSTANDS THAT HEYERDAHL IS A
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NORWEGIAN CITIZEN. ACCORDING TO THE PDRY DIPLOMATIC LIST, THERE IS NO SCANDINAVIAN CONSUL IN ADEN.

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